



## M.O.E. Policy Manual

<b>POLICY TITLE</b> ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR LAND USE PLANNING PURPOSES	<b>NO.</b>  07-04-01
<u>Legislative Authority</u>  the Ontario Water Resources Act the Environmental Protection Act the Environmental Assessment Act the Planning Act	
<u>Statement of Principles</u>  This policy states the Ministry's position regarding the need and support for the gathering and preparation of background environmental information for Land Use planning purposes. This policy is to guide staff in advising municipalities and others on the amount and type of environmental information gathered for Land Use planning purposes.  1. <u>Scope</u>  In this policy "land use" also includes the use of water and air related to the land. This policy applies to planning information:  (1) gathered or prepared by other ministries, government agencies, municipalities, developers, educational institutions or private organizations;  (2) that relates to environmental matters, in particular, matters of direct concern to this Ministry identified in Policy No. 07-02, "Guidelines for Commenting on Land Use Planning Matters".  This policy does not apply to studies associated with specific works or facilities for which approval is being sought under the Ontario Water Resources Act, the <u>Environmental Protection Act</u> and the <u>Environmental Assessment Act</u> .	
<u>Point of Contact</u> Director, Approvals Branch	
<u>Effective Date</u>  January 18, 1983	

2. Policy

In order to review and provide comments on land use planning matters, the Ministry will require that adequate environmental information is provided on the matter. This information should be gathered or prepared at a stage sufficiently early in the planning process to ensure that it is available to those involved at the various points in the process where decisions are made.

To this end, the Ministry will encourage and support the gathering and preparation of information that will lead to improved environmental management. In particular, information leading to the detection, identification, avoidance, prevention or minimization of environmental problems and the need for expensive remedial or corrective measures or schemes.

The encouragement and support will be appropriate to the situation at hand and may be given jointly with other ministries or agencies. It may involve such things as, the provision of background data, joint work arrangements, sampling and analytical results, as well as professional and policy advice associated with background planning studies or investigations. Direct funding will not be provided.

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